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Subject: Regular rotation of Chief Magistrate Judge Terms

Chief District Judge B. Lynn Winmill recently announced that effective March 31, 2007, Chief Magistrate Judge Larry M. Boyle will complete his seven-year term as the Chief Magistrate Judge for the District of Idaho. Judge Boyle also served eight years on the United States Judicial Conference Committee for the Administration of the Magistrate Judge System at the appointment of the late Chief Justice William Rehnquist, commencing in 1998.

The Honorable Mikel H. Williams will become Chief Magistrate Judge on April 1, 2007. Judge Williams was appointed as the first full-time U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Idaho in 1984.

Prior to his appointment as a Magistrate Judge, Judge Williams was a partner in the Boise law firm of Collins, Manly and Williams. He also served as an Assistant United States Attorney, and served four years of active duty in the United States Army, receiving his commission in the Judge Advocate Generals Corps..

Judge Williams received his undergraduate degree from University of Idaho in 1966, and his law degree from the University of Idaho College of Law in 1969.

Judge Williams is a past chairman of the Ninth Circuit Magistrate Judges Association; a member of the Ninth Circuit Defenders Committee; Chairman of the District Court Local Rules Committee; and a member of the American Inns of Court. Judge Williams holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Retired in the United States Army Reserves.

Judge Williams has taught the Practical Skills Seminar for the Idaho Law Foundation since 1987 as well as the Federal Law Updates program. He has published The History of the Development and Current Status of the Carey Act in Idaho, Idaho Department of Water Resources, 1967.

He and his wife Lorette have two children. His hobbies include white water rafting, sailing, and skiing.

